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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

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1. RADIO RENASCENCA: IN AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT, THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) AT ITS REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING REVERSED ITS JUNE 27 DECISION TO RETURN RADIO RENASCENCA (RR) TO THE CHURCH AND DECIDED INSTEAD TO TURN IT OVER TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION UNTIL THE NATIONALIZATION OF ALL RADIO STATIONS HAS BEEN DECIDED. THE CHURCH, CAUGHT COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE AFTER HAVING BEEN TOLD BY THE RC THAT THE RADIO WOULD BE TURNED OVER ON JULY 1, EXPRESSED ITS DISMAY AND SAID THAT MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE EPISCOPATE. (COMMENT: UNDERSTAND FROM A CONFIDENTIAL

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RELIABLE SOURCE THAT COPCON COMMANDER CARVALHO REFUSED TO CARRY

OUT THE RC ORDER TO THROW THE OCCUPYING WORKERS OFF THE PREMISES. THIS, PLUS THE USUAL RELUCTANCE OF THE RC TO MAKE HARD DECISIONS AGAINST THE LEFT OR THE WORKERS HAS LED TO ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR THE MODERATES.)

2. SUPPORT FOR CDR REPUDIATED: THE 5TH DIV OF THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF (INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA) ANNOUNCED ON JULY 2 THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY RC MEMBER CAPT RAMIRO CORRIEA IN A JUNE 28 EXPRESSO INTERVIEW SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AFM SUPPORT FOR THE COMMITTEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION. STATEMENT SAID THAT MATTER WAS STILL UNDER STUDY AND THAT ANY ORGANIZATION OF THIS NATURE WOULD BE COMPLETELY NON-PARTY.

3. ARMY ASSEMBLY MEETS: THE ARMY AFM ASSEMBLY MET ON JULY 2 IN PREPARATION FOR THE JULY 8 AFM ASSEMBLY. IN ADDITION TO MOTIONS APPROVING THE MOZAMBIQUE AFM'S ACTIVITIES AND CDR VICTOR CRESPO'S WORK AS HIGH COMMISSIONER AND GREETING THE INDEPENDENCE OF CAPE VERDE, THE ASSEMBLY VOTED APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21 RC POLITICAL ACTION PLAN WITH A "CORRECT PROGRESSIVE INTERPRETATION" AND CALLED FOR REINFORCED AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY.
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